

These are some exciting times here at RPBC.

Over the past several weeks, as I've come to the realization that GOD has given us land to expand, I've also had questions about what is to come.

How does RPBC keep up with GOD - who is "On The Move"?

What will we do with all that land?

Who is going to show up?

Where will we get the funding?

As I've pondered all of those questions, I've found answers in GOD's word.

† **Galatians 2:20** - I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

As the anticipation of expanding lingers, we can trust that CHRIST will accomplish what we can't.

However the reality is that anxiety can also surface - as we attempt to keep up with GOD.

Sure CHRIST can do all things, but if we are not careful, the flesh can be so concerned in the human aspect & the true significance of a project of this magnitude – that fear can set in.

† **Joel 2:21** - Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.

RPBC will not be able to achieve anything on our own – but CHRIST can!

HE has proven this already by providing the land for us.

But the Bible does give us direction & encouragement so that we as a church can be "On The Move".

Galatians 6:8-9

We are seeing evidence of this right now.

Those of us who have been faithful in praying for land – CHRIST answered that prayer.

Those of us who have been faithful in serving – CHRIST provided a larger place to serve.

Those of us who have been faithful in giving – CHRIST allows us to use those funds now.



But what is next?

How does RPBC – this church body – get “On The Move”?

We must first understand that we are limited, but GOD isn't.

Then we must understand that we have a responsibility to do our part.

1. GET SERIOUS WITH GOD

† **Joel 1:14** - Sanctify ye a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders *and* all the inhabitants of the land *into* the house of the LORD your God, and cry unto the LORD,

- A. COMMIT TO FASTING** – (Plan to fast one meal a week & dedicate that time to prayer)
- B. COMMIT TO GATHERING** – (Plan to gather with the church for worship & Bible study)
- C. COMMIT TO PRAYER** – (Plan to spend some time in prayer)

† **Proverbs 16:3** - Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

When we are committed to the LORD, HE promises to give us understanding.

If you think giving us the land is impressive – just watch what happens when we get serious with GOD.

2. STIR THINGS UP

† **2 Timothy 1:6** - Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

- A. INVEST TIME IN OTHERS** – (Sometime others just need you to listen)
- B. INVEST TALENTS IN THE MISSION** – (Your talents can help spread the Gospel)
- C. INVEST TREASURES IN THE KINGDOM** – (Plan for your retirement)

† **Matthew 6:19** - Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:

† **Matthew 6:20** - But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:

† **Matthew 6:21** - For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

We all have gifts that we can use for GOD – let's stir some things up & put those gifts to use!



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† **2 Timothy 2:15** - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

A. EXERCISE THE WORD – (Put what you learn to practice)

† **James 1:22** - But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

B. DESIRE THE WORD – (Long for & search for truth in GOD's word)

† **1 Peter 2:2** - As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

C. KNOW THE WORD – (Don't just guess or assume what GOD's word says)

† **Psalms 119:11** - Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

When we dig deeper in our relationship with GOD – we become the church GOD intends for us to be!

This is how we must focus & stay “On The Move”.

This is how we become the church the community needs us to be.

This is how we will accomplish our goals – understanding - not I, but CHRIST.

When we get serious with GOD, stir up our gifts & dig deeper – GOD will do HIS part.

What is GOD saying to you this morning on YOUR role in the church?

If we really want to expand our church – we will have to lead by example.

We have to search ourselves & ask GOD to use us to fulfill HIS plan.

We will have to be faithful in THIS building before we can be faithful in THAT building.

So, let's get “On The Move”.

And let's strive to have a deeper relationship with JESUS.

And if we do – GOD will do the rest!

